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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Public Service Commission, Minute Books, 1883-1983, contains the minutes of the Public Service Commission from its creation in 1883 through 1983. The minutes are bound in 247 volumes and were maintained by the commission. The records were received directly from the commission and are in very good condition. There are no restrictions on the use of these records.

These minute books have been microfilmed and the originals retained.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Public Service Commission was an agency created by legislative act in 1883 and signed by Governor William B. Bate. The purpose of the commission when it was created was to "regulate railroads operating in the state of Tennessee, to prevent discrimination upon the railroads and to provide for the punishment for the same, and to appoint a Railroad Commission." The commission had operated under various names before 1956, when it became known as the Public Service Commission. The routine duties of the commission by 1956 consisted of the "maintenance of current valuations for rate making purposes of all utilities; the checking of monthly and annual operating reports; the computation of rates of return of companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction; the investigation, determination and fixing of just and reasonable rates; the making of investigations and the holding of hearings; the determination of the propriety of granting certificates of convenience and necessity to public utilities and motor carriers making application therefor, after public hearing; cooperation with federal agencies with powers parallel to those of the Tennessee Commission including Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Power Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission, for the purpose of co-ordinating regulation and the protection of the interests of Tennessee; [and] the valuation and assessment biennially of all railroad, utility and motor carriers properties in the state for ad valorem taxation purposes."

The original name of the agency was the Board of Railroad Assessors when it was created in 1883. The name was changed to the Tennessee Railroad Commission in 1897. In 1920 it became the Railroad and Public Utilities Commission. The name was changed to the Public Service Commission in 1956. Finally, in 1996 the Public Service Commission was renamed the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

The minute books are arranged chronologically and original order was strictly maintained. The original documents have been retained. There are no chronological gaps within the volumes.

Additional information and history of the commission can be found in the annual reports that are maintained by the Tennessee State library and Archives.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

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#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 1**

1. Minute Book and Assessments for Taxation--Board of Railroad Assessors, 1883-1884.
2. Minute Book--Board of Railroad Assessors, 1885-88.
3. Minute Book--Board of Railroad Assessors, 1889-1892.
4. Minute Book--Board of Assessors and Equalizers, 1896.
5. Minute Book No. 1, 1897--Tennessee Railroad Commission and Board of Equalization of Railroad, Telegraph & Telephone Properties of the State of TN.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 2**

6. Minute Book No. 2, 1897-1898--Tennessee Railroad Commission.
7. Minute Book No. 3, 1899--Tennessee Railroad Commission.
8. Minute Book No. 4, 1899-1902--Tennessee Railroad Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 3**

9. Minute Book No. 5, 1902-1906--Tennessee Railroad Commission.
10. Minute Book No. 6, 1906-1910--Tennessee Railroad Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 4**

11. Minute Book No. 7, 1910-1912--Tennessee Railroad Commission.
12. Minute Book No. 8, 1912-1914--Tennessee Railroad Commission.
13. Minute Book No. 9, 1914-1916--Tennessee Railroad Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 5**

14. Minute Book No. 10, 1916-1918--Tennessee Railroad Commission.
15. Minute Book No. 11, 1918-1920--Tennessee Railroad Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 6**

16. Minute Book No. 12, 1920-1921--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.
17. Minute Book No. 13, 1921-1922--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 7**

18. Minute Book No. 14, 1922-1923--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.
19. Minute Book No. 15, 1924-1925--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 8**

20. Minute Book No. 16, 1925-1927--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.
21. Minute Book No. 17, 1927-1929--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 9**

22. Minute Book No. 18, 1929-1930--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.
23. Minute Book No. 19, 1930-1931--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 10**

24. Minute Book No. 20, 1931-1932--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.
25. Minute Book No. 21, 1932-1933--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

#### **MICROFILM ROLL # 11**

26. Minute Book No. 22, 1933-1934--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.
27. Minute Book No. 23, 1934--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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**MICROFILM ROLL # 12**

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28. Minute Book No. 24, 1934-1935--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

29. Minute Book No. 25, 1935-1936--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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30. Minute Book No. 26, 1936-1937--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

31. Minute Book No. 27, 1937-1938--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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32. Minute Book No. 28, 1938-1939--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

33. Minute Book No. 29, 1939-1940--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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34. Minute Book No. 30, 1940-1941--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

35. Minute Book No. 31, 1941-1942--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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36. Minute Book No. 32, 1942-1943--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

37. Minute Book No. 33, 1943-1944--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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**MICROFILM ROLL # 17**

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38. Minute Book No. 34, 1944-1946--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

39. Minute Book No. 35, 1946-1947--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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40. Minute Book No. 36, 1947-1948--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

41. Minute Book No. 37, 1948-1949--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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**MICROFILM ROLL # 19**

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42. Minute Book No. 38, 1949-1951--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

43. Minute Book No. 39, 1951-1952--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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44. Minute Book No. 40, 1952-1953--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

45. Minute Book No. 41, 1953-1954--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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46. Minute Book No. 42, 1954-1955--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

47. Minute Book No. 43, 1955-1956--Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

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**MICROFILM ROLL # 22**

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48. Minute Book No. 44, 1956-1957--Public Service Commission.

49. Minute Book No. 45, 1957-1958--Public Service Commission.

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**MICROFILM ROLL # 23**

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50. Minute Book No. 46, 1958-1960--Public Service Commission.

51. Minute Book No. 47, 1960-1961--Public Service Commission.

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**MICROFILM ROLL # 24**

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52. Minute Book No. 48, 1961-1963--Public Service Commission.

53. Minute Book No. 49, 1963-1964--Public Service Commission.

**MICROFILM ROLL # 25**

- 54. Minute Book No. 50, January-May, 1965--Public Service Commission.
- 55. Minute Book No. 51, May-August, 1965--Public Service Commission.
- 56. Minute Book No. 52, August-December, 1965--Public Service Commission.
- 57. Minute Book No. 53, January-April, 1966--Public Service Commission.
- 58. Minute Book No. 54, April-October, 1966--Public Service Commission.
- 59. Minute Book No. 55, October-December, 1966--Public Service Commission.

**MICROFILM ROLL # 26**

- 60. Minute Book No. 56, January-March, 1967--Public Service Commission.
- 61. Minute Book No. 57, April, 1967--Public Service Commission.
- 62. Minute Book No. 58, May-November, 1967--Public Service Commission.
- 63. Minute Book No. 59, January, 1968--Public Service Commission.
- 64. Minute Book No. 60, February-April, 1968--Public Service Commission.
- 65. Minute Book No. 61, April-August, 1968--Public Service Commission.

**MICROFILM ROLL # 27**

- 66. Minute Book No. 62, September-October, 1968--Public Service Commission.
- 67. Minute Book No. 63, November, 1968-January, 1969--Public Service Commission.
- 68. Minute Book No. 64, February-April, 1969--Public Service Commission.
- 69. Minute Book No. 65, May-July, 1969--Public Service Commission.
- 70. Minute Book No. 66, August-September, 1969--Public Service Commission.
- 71. Minute Book No. 67, October-December, 1969--Public Service Commission.

**MICROFILM ROLL # 28**

- 72. Minute Book No. 68, January-March, 1970--Public Service Commission.
- 73. Minute Book No. 69, April-May, 1970--Public Service Commission.
- 74. Minute Book No. 70, June, 1970--Public Service Commission.
- 75. Minute Book No. 71, July-August, 1970--Public Service Commission.
- 76. Minute Book No. 72, September-October, 1970--Public Service Commission.
- 77. Minute Book No. 73, November, 1970-January, 1971--Public Service Commission.

**MICROFILM ROLL # 29**

- 78. Minute Book No. 74, February-March, 1971--Public Service Commission.
- 79. Minute Book No. 75, April-May, 1971--Public Service Commission.
- 80. Minute Book No. 76, June-July, 1971--Public Service Commission.
- 81. Minute Book No. 77, August-September, 1971--Public Service Commission.
- 82. Minute Book No. 78, October-December, 1971--Public Service Commission.
- 83. Minute Book No. 79, November, 1971-January, 1972--Public Service Commission.

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- 84. Minute Book No. 80, January-February, 1972--Public Service Commission.
- 85. Minute Book No. 81, March, 1972--Public Service Commission.
- 86. Minute Book No. 82, April-May, 1972--Public Service Commission.
- 87. Minute Book No. 83, May-July, 1972--Public Service Commission.
- 88. Minute Book No. 84, July-October, 1972--Public Service Commission.
- 89. Minute Book No. 85, October-December, 1972--Public Service Commission.

**MICROFILM ROLL # 31**

- 90. Minute Book No. 86, January-March, 1973--Public Service Commission.
- 91. Minute Book No. 87, March-April, 1973--Public Service Commission.
- 92. Minute Book No. 88, April-June, 1973--Public Service Commission.
- 93. Minute Book No. 89, June-August, 1973--Public Service Commission.
- 94. Minute Book No. 90, August-October, 1973--Public Service Commission.
- 95. Minute Book No. 91, October-December, 1973--Public Service Commission.

**MICROFILM ROLL # 32**

- 96. Minute Book No. 92, January-February, 1974--Public Service Commission.
- 97. Minute Book No. 93, February-April, 1974--Public Service Commission.
- 98. Minute Book No. 94, May-June, 1974--Public Service Commission.
- 99. Minute Book No. 95, July-August, 1974--Public Service Commission.
- 100. Minute Book No. 96, August-September, 1974--Public Service Commission.
- 101. Minute Book No. 97, September, 1974--Public Service Commission.

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- 102. Minute Book No. 98, September-November, 1974--Public Service Commission.
- 103. Minute Book No. 99, November-December, 1974--Public Service Commission.
- 104. Minute Book No. 100, January, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 105. Minute Book No. 101, January-February, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 106. Minute Book No. 102, February-March, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 107. Minute Book No. 103, April, 1975--Public Service Commission.

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- 108. Minute Book No. 104, May, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 109. Minute Book No. 105, May-June, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 110. Minute Book No. 106, June-July, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 111. Minute Book No. 107, July-August, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 112. Minute Book No. 108, August, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 113. Minute Book No. 109, September, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 114. Minute Book No. 110, October, 1975--Public Service Commission.

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- 115. Minute Book No. 111, October-November, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 116. Minute Book No. 112, November-December, 1975--Public Service Commission.
- 117. Minute Book No. 113, December-January, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 118. Minute Book No. 114, January-February, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 119. Minute Book No. 115, February-March, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 120. Minute Book No. 116, March-April, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 121. Minute Book No. 117, April-May, 1976--Public Service Commission.

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- 122. Minute Book No. 118, May, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 123. Minute Book No. 119, June, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 124. Minute Book No. 120, June-July, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 125. Minute Book No. 121, July-August, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 126. Minute Book No. 122, August, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 127. Minute Book No. 123, August, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 128. Minute Book No. 124, August, 1976--Public Service Commission.

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- 129. Minute Book No. 125, September, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 130. Minute Book No. 126, September-October, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 131. Minute Book No. 127, October-November, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 132. Minute Book No. 128, December, 1976--Public Service Commission.
- 133. Minute Book No. 129, December, 1976-January, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 134. Minute Book No. 130, January, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 135. Minute Book No. 131, January-February, 1977--Public Service Commission.

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- 136. Minute Book No. 132, February-March, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 137. Minute Book No. 133, February-March, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 138. Minute Book No. 134, March, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 139. Minute Book No. 135, March-April, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 140. Minute Book No. 136, April-May, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 141. Minute Book No. 137, May-June, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 142. Minute Book No. 138, June-July, 1977--Public Service Commission.

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- 143. Minute Book No. 139, July-August, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 144. Minute Book No. 140, September, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 145. Minute Book No. 141, October, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 146. Minute Book No. 142, October-November, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 147. Minute Book No. 143, November, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 148. Minute Book No. 144, December, 1977--Public Service Commission.
- 149. Minute Book No. 145, December, 1977-January, 1978--Public Service Commission.

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- 150. Minute Book No. 146, January-February, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 151. Minute Book No. 147, March, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 152. Minute Book No. 148, April, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 153. Minute Book No. 149, May, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 154. Minute Book No. 150, May, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 155. Minute Book No. 151, June, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 156. Minute Book No. 152, June, 1978--Public Service Commission.



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- 157. Minute Book No. 153, June, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 158. Minute Book No. 154, June-July, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 159. Minute Book No. 155, July, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 160. Minute Book No. 156, July, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 161. Minute Book No. 157, July-August, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 162. Minute Book No. 158, August, 1978--Public Service Commission.

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- 163. Minute Book No. 159, August, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 164. Minute Book No. 160, August-September, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 165. Minute Book No. 161, September-October, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 166. Minute Book No. 162, October-November, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 167. Minute Book No. 163, November-December, 1978--Public Service Commission.
- 168. Minute Book No. 164, December, 1978-January, 1979--Public Service Commission.

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- 169. Minute Book No. 165, January, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 170. Minute Book No. 166, February, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 171. Minute Book No. 167, March, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 172. Minute Book No. 168, April, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 173. Minute Book No. 169, April-May, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 174. Minute Book No. 170, May-June, 1979--Public Service Commission.

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- 175. Minute Book No. 171, June, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 176. Minute Book No. 172, July, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 177. Minute Book No. 173, July-August, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 178. Minute Book No. 174, August-September, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 179. Minute Book No. 175, September, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 180. Minute Book No. 176, October, 1979--Public Service Commission.

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- 181. Minute Book No. 177, October 29-November, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 182. Minute Book No. 178, Nov. 14-Nov. 30, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 183. Minute Book No. 179, Dec. 3-Dec. 30, 1979--Public Service Commission.
- 184. Minute Book No. 180, Jan. 2-Jan 29, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 185. Minute Book No. 181, Jan. 30-Feb. 22, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 186. Minute Book No. 182, Feb. 25-Mar. 14, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 187. Minute Book No. 183, Mar. 17-Mar. 31, 1980--Public Service Commission.

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- 188. Minute Book No. 184, April 1-April 30, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 189. Minute Book No. 185, May 1-May 21, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 190. Minute Book No. 186, May 22-June 9, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 191. Minute Book No. 187, June 10-June 26, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 192. Minute Book No. 188, June 27-July 18, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 193. Minute Book No. 189, July 22-Aug. 18, 1980--Public Service Commission.

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- 194. Minute Book No. 190, July 19-July 29, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 195. Minute Book No. 191, Sept. 2-Sept. 17, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 196. Minute Book No. 192, Sept. 18-Oct. 10, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 197. Minute Book No. 193, Oct. 8-Oct. 28, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 198. Minute Book No. 194, Oct. 29-Oct. 31, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 199. Minute Book No. 195, Nov. 3-Nov. 21, 1980--Public Service Commission.

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- 200. Minute Book No. 196, Nov. 25-Dec. 5, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 201. Minute Book No. 197, Dec. 8-Dec. 31, 1980--Public Service Commission.
- 202. Minute Book No. 198, Jan. 2-Jan. 13, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 203. Minute Book No. 199, Jan. 14-Jan. 31, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 204. Minute Book No. 200, Feb. 3-Feb. 13, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 205. Minute Book No. 201, Feb. 18-Mar. 10, 1981--Public Service Commission.

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- 206. Minute Book No. 202, Mar. 12-Mar. 31, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 207. Minute Book No. 203, April 2-April 9, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 208. Minute Book No. 204, April 13-April 30, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 209. Minute Book No. 205, May 1-May 12, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 210. Minute Book No. 206, May 13-May 22, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 211. Minute Book No. 207, May 26-June 4, 1981--Public Service Commission.

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- 212. Minute Book No. 208, June 5-June 22, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 213. Minute Book No. 209, June 6-July 17, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 214. Minute Book No. 210, July 20-Aug. 13, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 215. Minute Book No. 211, Aug. 14-Sept. 10, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 216. Minute Book No. 212, Sept. 11-Oct. 7, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 217. Minute Book No. 213, Oct. 9-Nov. 4, 1981--Public Service Commission.

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- 218. Minute Book No. 214, Nov. 5-Nov. 23, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 219. Minute Book No. 215, Nov. 11-Dec. 15, 1981--Public Service Commission.
- 220. Minute Book No. 216, Dec. 16, 1981-Jan. 15, 1982. --Public Service Commission.
- 221. Minute Book No. 217, Jan. 18-Feb. 2, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 222. Minute Book No. 218, Feb. 18-Mar. 11, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 223. Minute Book No. 219, Mar. 12-Mar. 31, 1982--Public Service Commission.

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- 224. Minute Book No. 220, Apr. 1-Apr. 12, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 225. Minute Book No. 221, Apr. 13-Apr. 22, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 226. Minute Book No. 222, Apr. 23-May 12, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 227. Minute Book No. 223, May 12-May 28, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 228. Minute Book No. 224, June 1-June 28, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 229. Minute Book No. 225, June 29-July 21, 1982--Public Service Commission.

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- 230. Minute Book No. 226, July 22-Aug. 19, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 231. Minute Book No. 227, Aug. 20-Aug. 31, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 232. Minute Book No. 228, Sept. 1-Sept. 21, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 233. Minute Book No. 229, Sept. 22-Oct. 14, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 234. Minute Book No. 230, Oct. 18-Nov. 1, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 235. Minute Book No. 231, Nov. 4-Nov. 29, 1982--Public Service Commission.

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- 236. Minute Book No. 232, Dec. 1-Dec. 29, 1982--Public Service Commission.
- 237. Minute Book No. 233, Jan 3-Feb. 8, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 238. Minute Book No. 234, Feb. 10-Mar. 14, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 239. Minute Book No. 235, Mar. 15-Apr. 29, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 240. Minute Book No. 236, May 2-June 6, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 241. Minute Book No. 237, June 7-July 6, 1983--Public Service Commission.

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- 242. Minute Book No. 238, July 8-Aug. 10, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 243. Minute Book No. 239, Aug. 10-Sept. 7, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 244. Minute Book No. 240, Sept. 7-Sept. 30, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 245. Minute Book No. 241, Oct. 3-Oct. 26, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 246. Minute Book No. 242, Nov. 1-Nov. 30, 1983--Public Service Commission.
- 247. Minute Book No. 243, Dec. 1-Dec. 30, 1983--Public Service Commission.